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The invention relates to a process for
5 bringing about a permanent connection between at least
two components, one of which components is obtained by
moulding of a thermoplastic elastomeric material,
characterized in that the component is subjected to a
treatment comprising the following steps:

- 10 a. stretching of the component of thermoplastic
elastomeric material
b. relaxation of the component subjected to step (a)
at ambient temperature.
c. placement of the component obtained sub (b) at the
15 location of the desired connection in the object
d. exposure to an increased temperature of at most
about 20°C below the melting point of the
thermoplastic elastomer.

Application of the process of the
20 invention, in particular during step (d), produces a
shrunk connection which provides a permanent seal under
tension.

The invention may be applied for many types
of connections and seals, for example body plugs,
25 shrink-on sleeving, sealing rings, etc.
Especially suitable, particularly in automotive
applications, are copolyether esters.